

CLAIMS

We claim:

- 5 1. A passive media content access system, comprising:
a control station;
a housing;
an electronic system capable of storing and uploading event data relating to at
least one media event, wherein said electronic system contains a current time, current
10 date, current device and current channel;
a communication device connected to said electronic system for uploading said
event data to said control station; and
an input means connected to said electronic system.
- 15 2. The passive media content access system of Claim 1, wherein said input
means includes a keypad.
- 20 3. The passive media content access system of Claim 2, wherein said input
means includes a display.
- 25 4. The passive media content access system of Claim 3, wherein said electronic
system is capable of receiving user preference data relating to personal preferences.

5. The passive media content access system of Claim 4, wherein said control station is in communication with a plurality of programming stations for receiving updated media event information.

6. The passive media content access system of Claim 5, wherein said control station compares said event data to said media event information to determine what type of information to send to said user.

7. The passive media content access system of Claim 6, wherein said control station is programmable by said user to reflect said personal preferences.

8. The passive media content access system of Claim 7, wherein said personal preferences includes type of information to receive relating to said media event.

9. The passive media content access system of Claim 8, wherein said communication device is in communication with said control station via a global computer network.

10. A method of using a passive media content access system having an electronic system with a communication device and an input device, wherein said communication device is in communication with a control station, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) changing a device setting relating to a media event; and

- (b) logging an event data within said electronic system, wherein said event data is comprised of a current date, a current time, a current device and a current channel at the time of logging said event data.

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11. The method of using a passive media content access system of Claim 10, including the step of:

- (c) uploading said event data to said control station.

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12. The method of using a passive media content access system of Claim 11, including the steps of:

- (d) determining an identity of said media event from said event data; and
(e) determining whether information is available regarding said media event.

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13. The method of using a passive media content access system of Claim 12, including the step of:

- (f) providing available information to said user.

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14. The method of using a passive media content access system of Claim 13, including the step of:

- (g) sending an e-mail containing said available information to said user.

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15. The method of using a passive media content access system of Claim 12, including the step of:

(f) providing available information depending upon predefined user preferences.

16. The method of using a passive media content access system of Claim 10,
5 including the steps of:

- (c) determining at least one favorite media event based upon said event data;
and
- (d) setting a reminder for said at least one favorite media event to alert a user to
the upcoming event.

17. The method of using a passive media content access system of Claim 16,
including the steps of:

- (e) determining whether proper device states are in effect for said at least one
15 favorite media event; and
- (f) switching at least one external electronic device to a proper device state if
not in said proper device state.

18. A method of using a passive media content access system having an
electronic system with a communication device and an input device, wherein said
communication device is in communication with a control station, said method
comprising the steps of:

- (a) initializing a current date, a current time, a current device and a current
25 channel into said electronic system;
- (b) changing a device setting relating to a media event; and
- (c) logging an event data within said electronic system, wherein said event data
is comprised of a current date, a current time, a current device and a current
channel at the time of logging said event data.

19. The method of using a passive media content access system of Claim 18,
including the step of:

5 (d) uploading said event data to said control station.

20. The method of using a passive media content access system of Claim 19,
including the steps of:

10 (e) determining an identity of said media event from said event data; and

(f) determining whether information is available regarding said media event.